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Application of	:	John Fitzgerald et al.
Serial No	:	10/682,582
Filed	:	October 9, 2003
For	:	Materials, Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes
Examiner	:	Dionne Walls Mays
Art Unit	:	1731

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Applicant respectfully requests a two month extension of time in which to respond to the Official Action mailed September 27, 2006, in the above-identified application. This extension of time will extend the period for filing to expire on February 27, 2007.

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The Office is respectfully invited to contact J. Michael Boggs at (336) 747-7536, to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
Application Type	Fee ($)	Fee($)	Fee($)	Fee($)	Fee($)	Fee($)	Fees Paid ($)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee ($)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee($)	Fee Paid ($)
____ -20 or HP=	____	x ____	= _

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee($)	Fee Paid ($)
6 - 3 or HP=	3	x 200	= 600.00

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

Multiple Dependent Claims	
Fee ($)	Fee Paid ($)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

	Fees Paid ($)
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SUBMITTED BY

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